

Magnetic dipole moments of some spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles

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The 2018 CODATA recommended values^{1,2} of Planck's constant divided by 2π , the Bohr magneton, the nuclear magneton, electron, proton, neutron, muon, helion, and triton magnetic dipole moments, their ratios with respect to the Bohr magneton and the nuclear magneton, and their g factors³ are

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hbar &= h/(2\pi) \equiv 1.0545718176461563812 \dots \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \equiv 6.5821195695090656356 \dots \times 10^{-16} \text{ eV s}, \\
 \mu_e &= -9.2847647043(28) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}, & \mu_\mu &= -4.49044830(10) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}, \\
 \mu_p &= 1.41060679736(60) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}, & \mu_h &= -1.074617532(13) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}, \\
 \mu_n &= -9.6623651(23) \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T}, & \mu_t &= 1.5046095202(30) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}, \\
 \mu_B = e\hbar/(2m_e) &= 9.2740100783(28) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T} = 5.7883818060(17) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T}, \\
 \mu_e/\mu_B &= -1.00115965218128(18), & \mu_\mu/\mu_B &= -4.84197047(11) \times 10^{-3}, \\
 \mu_p/\mu_B &= 1.52103220230(46) \times 10^{-3}, & \mu_h/\mu_B &= -1.158740958(14) \times 10^{-3}, \\
 \mu_n/\mu_B &= -1.04187563(25) \times 10^{-3}, & \mu_t/\mu_B &= 1.6223936651(32) \times 10^{-3}, \\
 \mu_N = e\hbar/(2m_p) &= 5.0507837461(15) \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T} = 3.15245125844(96) \times 10^{-8} \text{ eV/T}, \\
 \mu_e/\mu_N &= -1.83828197188(11) \times 10^3, & \mu_\mu/\mu_N &= -8.89059703(20), \\
 \mu_p/\mu_N &= 2.79284734463(82), & \mu_h/\mu_N &= -2.127625307(25), \\
 \mu_n/\mu_N &= -1.91304273(45), & \mu_t/\mu_N &= 2.9789624656(59), \\
 g_e = 4m_e\mu_e/(e\hbar) &= -2.00231930436256(35), & g_\mu = 4m_\mu\mu_\mu/(e\hbar) &= -2.0023318418(13), \\
 g_p = 4m_p\mu_p/(e\hbar) &= 5.5856946893(16), & g_h = 4m_p\mu_h/(e\hbar) &= -4.255250615(50), \\
 g_n = 4m_p\mu_n/(e\hbar) &= -3.82608545(90), & g_t = 4m_p\mu_t/(e\hbar) &= 5.957924931(12).
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Electrons, protons, neutrons, muons, helions, and tritons are spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles. Their intrinsic angular momentum (spin) operators \mathbf{S} are vector operators whose component operators $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{e}$, along every direction \mathbf{e} ,⁴ only have the eigenvalues $\hbar/2$ and $-\hbar/2$.⁵ Their magnetic dipole moment operators are vector operators proportional to their spin operators but with different constants of proportionality, including different signs,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boldsymbol{\mu}_e &= \mu_e 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar, & \boldsymbol{\mu}_\mu &= \mu_\mu 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar, \\
 \boldsymbol{\mu}_p &= \mu_p 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar, & \boldsymbol{\mu}_h &= \mu_h 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar, \\
 \boldsymbol{\mu}_n &= \mu_n 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar, & \boldsymbol{\mu}_t &= \mu_t 2\mathbf{S}/\hbar.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The energy operator of such a magnetic dipole moment in a magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = B\mathbf{e}$ is

$$-\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B} = -B\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{e} = -\mu B 2\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{e}/\hbar \tag{3}$$

and, since the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{e}$ are $\hbar/2$ and $-\hbar/2$, the respective eigenvalues of $-\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ are $-\mu B$ and μB ; the respective eigenvalues are $[9.2847647043(28) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}]B$ and $-[9.2847647043(28) \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}]B$ for an electron, $-[1.41060679736(60) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}]B$ and $[1.41060679736(60) \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}]B$ for a proton, etc..

¹ Except for the values of \hbar , these values are from the table of Fundamental Physical Constants at <https://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Constants/Table/allascii.txt> and are based on data through the end of 2018. Ten additional digits are given for the values of \hbar ; the exact definitions $h \equiv 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ and $\text{eV} \equiv 1.602176634 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$, which took effect on 20 May 2019, may be used to compute further digits.

² Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties; for example, the electron magnetic dipole moment μ_e is $-9.2847647043 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$ with uncertainty $0.0000000028 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$.

³ g_n , g_h , and g_t use proton mass m_p , not neutron mass m_n , helion mass m_h , or triton mass m_t ; the mass ratios are $m_n/m_p = 1.00137841931(49)$, $m_h/m_p = 2.99315267167(13)$, and $m_t/m_p = 2.99371703414(15)$.

⁴ A direction vector \mathbf{e} has unit length, $\sqrt{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}} = 1$.

⁵ The eigenvalues $\hbar/2$ and $-\hbar/2$ of $\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{e}$ do not involve the cosine of an angle between \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{e} .